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What experiences and perspectives would you contribute to To Meeting?

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As a 10+ year Winchester resident raising three children here, I've experienced firsthand what makes this community special, from its walkable neighborhoods and family-friendly events to neighbors who genuinely care for one another, and I'm committed to preserving and strengthening that for generations to come. I bring a focused perspective on the issues that matter most: improving how the town communicates directly with its residents, diversifying our tax base for long-term financial health, and advancing Winchester's sustainability goals so that Winchester remains an exceptional place to live and raise a family.

What are two or three issues facing Winchester that you think are most important and what are your positions on them?

The town must continue to execute and improve on its long-term fiscal situation, explore ways to continue to smartly invest in our school system, and enhance its direct communication with its residents. In an age of near-constant information overload through social media; pro-active, targeted communication from the town is more important than ever. It is critical that our town's residents are well-informed and knowledgeable of all the work our town is doing and of the important decisions that need to be made.

What is a special challenge in your precinct that might not be faced in other precincts?

(did not answer)

Why should voters elect you to represent them?

I bring a steady, diplomatic approach to every decision and conversation, and I'm committed to achieving real results for our town while treating every voice with kindness and respect. I believe good leadership means rolling up your sleeves, taking pride in the work, and never losing sight of the neighbors you're serving. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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13 YEARS OF DATA, ONE SATURDAY: Takeaways from Winchester's override vote and the races that surrounded it

Winchester News reviewed precinct-level election results from every annual town election since 2014 — 13 years of data covering turnout, ballot questions, Select Board races, School Committee contests and Planning Board results — and compared them against the March 21 preliminary numbers. The 2026 results have not yet been certified by Town

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With override rejected, Winchester shifts from campaigning to budget planning

After Winchester voters rejected an $11.5 million Proposition 2 1/2 override on Election Day, March 21, the governing question in town has shifted from persuasion to arithmetic. Select Board member Bill McGonigle, who served on the Yes for Winchester campaign, said the defeat has changed how he approaches

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Voters fill Town Meeting seats across Winchester; four incumbents unseated

The biggest shakeup came in Precinct 7, where two officeholders lost in an 11-person contest, matching Precinct 4 for the busiest race.

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Winchester ZBA waives town regulations to move Washington/Swanton project along

Town officials have approved waivers of regulations for a residential/commercial development project at Washington and Swanton streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 19 approved the waivers for a 40B project at 278-292 Washington St. and 12 and 16-20 Swanton St. in a special meeting preceding a

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Network for Social Justice to celebrate 35th anniversary

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Network For Social Justice turns 35 this spring! There will be a celebration on Saturday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester. Connect with your local friends and neighbors as

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Winchester Community Music School presents Jazz Jam Session

The following was submitted by the Winchester Community Music School: On Saturday, March 28, join the community at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., for a Jazz Jam Session, an afternoon of fun, spontaneous jazz playing, beginning at 3 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are

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